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Kinsella Kernels

An extra large crowd attended the double wedding dance held in Kinsella on Friday, January 27th.

Mr. J. Zellinski, Miss Ada Arkinstall and Mr. C. Arkinstall motored to Edmonton Saturday.

Mr. Grant of Wainwright will be in town on Saturday to organize a class for tap dancing lessons.

The monthly meeting of the Kinsella Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Allen on February 9.

The Institute held their annual Red Cross Tea on Saturday, January 28. A large crowd attended. Entertainment was furnished by the school orchestra. The croquet centre piece was won by Louis Horneck.

Edmonton M. P. Named Member Federal Cabinet

James A. MacKinnon, Liberal member of parliament for Edmonton West, Monday was named minister without portfolio in the dominion cabinet. The announcement was made by Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, following announcement of the appointment of Norman McLeary as postmaster general, succeeding Hon. J. C. Elliott, who resigned owing to long continued illness.

The appointment of Mr. MacKinnon to a cabinet position is most gratifying to his friends throughout the province, who have not ceased to urge such an appointment, both for the reason that Alberta should have representation in the cabinet and also by reason of Mr. MacKinnon's personal popularity. Since his election in 1935 as the only Liberal member from Alberta, his task has been a heavy one, looking after the interests of the entire province in dominion affairs, and the work has been far more than a private member should be asked to carry.

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Annual School Meet

The annual meeting of the Irma School District No. 2435 was held in the school house on January 28th at 7:30 P.M., with a good attendance of ratepayers present. Here again after the various reports were disposed of a discussion took place as to future plans for the running of the high school. Until June 30th, the school will be run by the local board as before. After that time different plans will have to be made because the school cannot be efficiently operated under the joint control of the Irma public school board and the divisional board, the two parties who are interested in the school. For the purpose of finding some solution to the problem, a committee consisting of the members of the Irma Public School Board and two other ratepayers, Messrs. Ross McFarland and Chas. Wilbraham, were appointed to look into the matter, draw up a tentative agreement with the Divisional Board and then submit this agreement to the ratepayers of the Irma School District No. 2435.

During the nomination period Mrs. M. Arnold, the retiring trustee, was again nominated and also Mr. W. Milburn. Ballots counted, Mrs. Arnold was declared elected for another term by a majority of eight votes.

The annual meeting of the Irma High School District held on Saturday afternoon, January 28th, was well attended. After the reading of the various reports, Mr. Good, superintendent of the Wainwright School Division, Mr. H. E. Spencer, chairman of the Divisional Board, and Mr. T. Sanders, trustee for Sub-division No. 2, each gave a short talk on the school situation as regards the Irma high school and the future plans of the Divisional Board.

At this meeting a committee was appointed to attend the annual public school meeting at 7:30 o'clock and give a report of the meeting. Messrs. R. D. Smallwood and Chas. Wilbraham were the committee appointed.

Only a small number of village ratepayers turned out on January 27 for the annual meeting. The financial statement was discussed and accepted. Mr. W. N. Erickson occupied the chair and handled the meeting to the satisfaction of all.

"Unless local jealousies are removed, the nation never can achieve unity."—Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett.

M. D. BATTLE RIVER FINANCIAL REPORT IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

The Auditor's report and financial statement for the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 is published in this week's issue of the Irma Times for the information of the ratepayers.

It is arranged in such a way that by folding the two centre pages, on which it is printed, it will be a handy four-page folder.

The annual ratepayers' meeting will be held in Kiefer's Hall on Saturday, February 18th, 1939, commencing at one o'clock p.m., when various reports and statements will be considered in detail, besides other business that may properly come before the meeting.

LOCAL LADIES WIN PRIZES IN BULLETIN PUZZLE CONTEST

Once again Irma has made the "Headlines," or nearly so, but in a very pleasing manner, when Mrs. Percy Webber was awarded second prize in the annual Bulletin puzzle contest, and her sister, Miss Myrtle Barnes, came in fifth place.

Of the thousands of entries from all over Alberta, Mrs. Webber placed second to win a lovely three-piece cheerleader suit, while Miss Barnes' prize is an up-to-the-minute electric Beatty washing machine.

These prizes both ladies came in for this special cash prize, the compliments of the Edmonton Bulletin.

The Times and friends extend heartfelt congratulations.

Y. P. OF WAINWRIGHT PRESBY- TERY HOLD MEETING IN IRMA

The Young People's executive of Wainwright Presbytery met in Irma January 25 with an attendance of nine, including Rev. Longmire of Wainwright, and Rev. H. G. Lester, Viking.

The major topics discussed centred on Presbytery, dramatics, contests and a Fall convention.

It was decided to hold the dramatic contests. If four or more Unions enter the Presbytery will be divided into two divisions for semi-final contests.

The date for the final contest was set not later than March 15. All contests will be public performances with three judges. The plays will be one act, not exceeding 45 minutes. Local Unions will choose their own plays, but in order to prevent duplication they must notify the Presbytery secretary as to choice made.

A two-day convention of the Presbytery will be held in Viking in October, the exact date to be announced later.

The 1938 convention program will be closely repeated with at least one alteration, namely, a social period after the banquet to allow everyone to become well acquainted.

Mr. Burkholder will be asked as guest speaker and Rev. H. G. Lester and Miss M. Longmire will have charge of the convention music.

A Y. P. camp was also discussed but no plans could be made until word is received as to how many Unions would be interested.

THREE-YEAR TERM SENTENCE FOR CATTLE THIEF

(Edmonton Bulletin)

Found guilty by Mr. Justice W. R. Howson in supreme court Friday on a charge of stealing 15 head of cattle, property of A. Foxwell, Irma district farmer and butcher, Fred Marshall, Minburn district cattleman, was sentenced to serve three years in Prince Albert penitentiary.

The hearing created public interest in the Irma, Minburn and Paradise Valley districts, the court room being crowded during the two-day trial by residents of these districts.

Prior to summing up the evidence Mr. Justice W. R. Howson commented counsel engaged on the case—Crown Prosecutor J. W. McClung and R. Fred Jackson and A. W. Miller—on the able manner in which the evidence had been presented and on the arguments submitted to the court.

Mr. Justice Howson found that the irresistible conclusion to be drawn from the chain of circumstantial evidence presented by the crown was that the accused was guilty. On the 35-mile trek from the Foxwell farm at Irma to the place where the cattle were discovered in the Minburn district there was a chain of evidence which connected the accused with cattle rustling.

WAINWRIGHT HOSPITAL BOARD HOLD MEETING

A regular meeting of the board of the Wainwright Municipal Hospital was held Jan. 14, when all members were present, and minutes of previous meeting were adopted as read.

Moved by Mr. Bleasdale—That the action of the committee re the letter written to the secretary of the College of Physicians and Surgeons be approved.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette—That the auditor be authorized to circularize 10 per cent of the accounts as required by the department.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette—That Town of Wainwright be notified that the hospital board accept cancellation of their indent agreement as set out in their letter of Jan. 4, 1939, and that Town Council be notified that the board do not favor making new contract to that effect.

Moved by Mr. Collette—That the board do not favor making new contract to that effect. The town of Wainwright is to be charged \$2.75 per day for indigent non-ratepayers residing in the town who require hospitalization, or the town can buy the \$6.00 ticket for any family they wish prior to February 1, 1939, which will entitle such family to the \$1 rate.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Fuller—That the charge be \$2.25 per day in place of \$2.75 as stated in motion.—Amendment was carried, so \$2.25 was inserted in the motion in place of 2.75. Motion then carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette—That all contributing councils be notified that in future the charge for all non-ratepayer indigents will be \$2.25 per day when such indigent is a resident of a municipality having a portion of its area within the hospital district. Ord. Resolved by Mr. Gould—That sec'y write Mr. K. W. MacKenzie that Mr. T. McDougall had interviewed the board, and the board feel that proper explanation had not been given Mr. McDougall at the time the horse was purchased. Also that wording of receipt was not clear, and that the board are holding him (MacKenzie) responsible for the \$10 difference in the amount paid.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette—That sec'y write Mr. Kenneth Kenny asking him to be good enough to inform the board what he paid Mr. MacKenzie for the horse, that was purchased from Mr. T. McDougall.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette—That letter from Dept. re bond be tabled. Ord. Moved by Mr. Bleasdale—That accounts totalling \$13,222.04 which were paid before Dec. 31, 1938, be approved. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gardiner—That 1939 accounts totalling \$147.68 be accepted and cheques be cashed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette—That Miss Myers be allowed eight days' sick leave with pay and that in future when necessary any nurse be allowed eight days' sick leave with pay each year. Carried.

The matron's report for December read as follows:

Patients admitted	58
Patients discharged	51
In hospital Dec. 31st	20
Maternity cases	5
Infants born	2
Medical cases	27
Surgical cases	26
Major operations	12
Minor operations	8
Deaths	0
Hospital days	541

Report was accepted on motion of Trustees Collette.

Moved by Mr. Gardiner—That trustees Fuller, Bleasdale and Gould with Sec'y Stuart, be a committee to check the ledger accounts. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

C.C.F. WHIST DRIVE

On Saturday evening, January 25, a very enjoyable whist drive was put on in the lodge hall, the compliments of the C.C.F. group in Irma. Everyone reports having had a very enjoyable time, and also enjoyed the short talk at the close by Mr. H. E. Spencer of Edmonton.

A beautiful lunch served by the members brought a real social time to a close.

L.O.O.F. INSTAL OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of the Irma Lodge No. 34 L.O.O.F., held January 31st, 1939, the following officers were installed to their several chairs: Pyle, Noble Grand; S. Knowles, Vice-Grand; J. A. Smallwood, Secretary; A. E. Foxwell, Treasurer. The next meeting of the said Lodge will be held at Irma on the evening of February 7th, 1939.

Albert District News

A very jolly evening was spent at the W. I. card party and dance on January 27th. The winners of the whist prizes were Mrs. W. Ramsay, Jr., and Mr. A.W. Larson. After supper music for dancing was supplied by Messrs. Alf and Haskon Larson and Miss Gladys Larson. The next party will be held Feb. 10th.

Mr. T. Ellwood returned home from the Mannville hospital Monday. The Dramatic Society held a meeting in the school house January 30th. Alan Johnson was elected vice-pres. to take the place of the absent president, Wilma Currie. Plans were made for taking the play "That Watkins Girl" to Rodino on February 3rd and to Irma on Feb. 8th.

Miss Verna Robertson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matthews.

Miss Wilma Currie recently accepted a position with Mrs. Greenburg.

A meeting of the owners of the North Irma Mutual Telephone Company was held in Orbindale school January 28th. Mr. W. D. Ramsay was re-elected president and Mr. G. M. Whiteley was elected secretary in place of Mr. David Currie. The following directors were also chosen: Line 7, Mr. Ramsay; Line 6, Mr. W. Prior; Line 5, Mr. A. R. McRoberts. Mr. David Currie has been appointed secretary of the Wainwright school division. He and his family expect to move to Wainwright about February 10th.

IRMA LITERARY SOCIETY NOTES.

The Irma High School Literary Society held a very successful social evening in Hadley's hall on Friday, January 27th. The evening was in the form of an amateur hour. The high school was divided into groups and each group was responsible for a number on the programme. Clarence Carter's group having Ruth Reeds, Mary Knick, Mildred Carrington, Jean Whidden, Geo. Inklin, and Neil MacMillan in it, took first prize in the amateur hour.

The amateur hour was followed by a number of group games. The social evening closed with a very enjoyable lunch served by Stella Art, and Clarence Carter. Before singing the national anthem, Mr. and Mrs. Reeds, and Mr. and Mrs. Larson expressed their gratitude to the students for an enjoyable evening. Art Knudson and Bob Simmerman also gave short speeches on the good points of a literary society. The social evening was conducted by Art Larson, president of the Literary Society.

"Public works, like other present methods of unemployment relief, have the disadvantage of mitigating one evil by aggravating another, in that such works increase the national debt and take money from employment-providing industries in Canada."—W. T. Burford.

Irma Hockey Notes

The only hockey game for the Irma and Ryley teams at Irma took place Monday evening before a small crowd. As has been the custom this winter, Irma won the game 8-2. At times the play was good, the teamwork of the Irma players showing up to good advantage. The Ryley goalie was kept busy throughout the game and made some very nice stops. The scoring was done by Maguire brothers and R. Smith for Irma. Chappelle and Behrens scored for Ryley. R. Maguire was given a penalty shot in the third period but failed to score. R. L. Martin, the referee, received the worst injury, a black eye, from a player's stick.

The Line-Up:
Irma—Jokin, McMin, Jones, Guitner, R. Maguire, F. Maguire, R. Smith, Hughes, Brimacombe, Glasgow and Lissom.

The Irma team is entered in the hockey tournament being held in Edmonton February 20 and 21.

The last league game to be played here is on Thursday evening, when Viking will be the visiting team. The last game before the play-offs start will be in Wainwright February 8th.

The Irma Junior hockey team shut out the Roseberry boys 5-0 in a very good game in Irma on January 25th. Art Knudson, R. Simmerman, Albert Soneff, Phil Charter and Jimmie Soneff each scored one in the order named. The Irma boys wore their snappy new uniforms for the first time at this game.

The line-up was: Roseberry, Vallee, Fischer, Fenton, M. Walker, Younker, T. Holt, Lawson, Cook, D. Holt, Jones and W. Walker.

Irma: C. Carter, Guitner, Congdon, B. Charter, Feder, Simmerman, Jones, Laitner, A. Carter, Knudson, P. Charter, A. Soneff, J. Soneff, D. McKee, McMillan, Referee R. Smith.

The Irma and Wainwright hockey teams met on Irma ice for the second time this winter on January 26th. This was a League game postponed from December 29th. Irma again came out the winners by a 9-1 score. The play was rather one-sided as the score indicates. A fair sized crowd witnessed the contest, a number of Wainwright fans accompanying their team.

The teams lined up as follows:

Wainwright: Hutchinson, Tory, Dapre, Walker, Bond, Lynch, Ganderton, Fahner, Stuart and Toimie.

Irma: Inklin, Jones, Guitner, Smith, R. Maguire, F. Maguire, Lissom, Hughes, Brimacombe, and Glasgow.

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AUDITOR'S Financial Statement

For the Year Ending December 31st

1938

Municipal District of Battle River No. 423

Province of Alberta

AUDITOR: R. ENGLISH, 12510, 106th AVENUE, EDMONTON.

REEVE: R. D. SMALLWOOD, IRMA, ALBERTA

SECRETARY-TREASURER: CHAS. WILBRAHAM, IRMA, ALBERTA

AMOUNT of BOND: \$5000.00.

NUMBER of BOND: 31759.

COMPANY: CANADIAN INDEMNITY COMPANY

Date Suretyship Began: January 25th, 1932.

Bond Renewed to: January 25th, 1940

NAME of BANK: BANK of MONTREAL, IRMA

Number of Verification Tax Notices Mailed by Auditor under Section 85 (6)—Fifty-Six

FORM D, SECTION 85, MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ACT

Take notice that a meeting of the Electors of the Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423, will be held at one o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, the 18th day of February, 1939, at Kiefer's Hall, Irma, for the discussion of municipal affairs, and that at the same place and on the same day, the Returning Officer will receive nominations of candidates for the office of Councillor, from three o'clock p.m. to four o'clock p.m.

**CHAS. WILBRAHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer.**

RECEIPTS (Municipal Only)

BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1937—		
Municipal Account, in Bank	\$ 306.44	
Cemetery Account, in Bank	202.07	
		\$ 508.51
RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT MUNICIPAL TAXATION—		
Municipal Taxes and Costs—		
Current: By Cash \$3027.51; by Labour \$5558.08	\$13,580.59	
Arrears: By Cash \$5991.68; by Labour \$1938.73	7,930.41	
		21,511.00
UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF REPAID—		
From Provincial Government	\$ 721.89	
Repaid by Individuals in Labour	142.10	
		863.99
ADVANCES AND CHARGES REPAID—		
Pests and Weeds	\$ 96.80	
Payments by various Municipal Districts to cost of destruction of grasshoppers	128.20	
		225.00
MUNICIPAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES—		
Tax Certificate Fees \$1.00; Cemetery \$23.00	\$ 24.00	
From Dept. of Lands and Mines re Leases	56.21	
Commissions: Government \$84.23; Schools \$56.05	140.28	
Hall \$3.00; Tax Sale Surplus \$162.43	165.43	
Seizures and Costs	38.69	
Haulage \$3.30; Miscellaneous \$1.69	4.99	
		429.60
LOANS—		
Municipal	\$11,000.00	
		11,000.00
SUNDRY—		
Overpaid Taxes \$12.34; Pound Surplus \$27.00	\$ 39.34	
		39.34
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES OR OVERDRAFT, DEC. 31, 1938—		
Outstanding Cheques on Municipal Account	\$ 364.55	
		364.55
TOTAL (Municipal)	\$34,941.99	

PAYMENTS (Municipal Only)

OUTSTANDING CHEQUES OR OVERDRAFT, DECEMBER 31, 1937—		
Outstanding Cheques on Municipal Account	\$ 46.89	
		\$ 46.89
ADMINISTRATION—		
Salaries: Sec. Treas. \$1290.00; Assessor \$400.00	\$1690.00	
Bond \$20; Audit Fees \$110; Elections \$38; Legal \$15	183.00	
L.T.O. 67.75; Postage 79.25; Printing & Stationery 555.45	702.45	
Rent \$5; Elec. Light 39.35; Exchange 26.50; Insurance 11.06	81.91	
Office Exp. 27.20; Phone 96.05; Delegates 230.35	353.60	
M. D. Ass'n Fees \$20; Coun. Fees (meetings only) \$393.60	413.60	
Haulage \$3.30; Tax Refunds \$17.45	20.71	
Collection and Inspection (mileage) expenses	156.35	
Irma Times \$300.00; Cartage \$8.14	308.14	
Committee Work (Sec. 61, M.D. Act,	96.70	
		4003.46
PROTECTION OF PERSON AND PROPERTY—		
Pound Expenses \$37.20; Pests and Weeds \$388.94	\$ 426.14	
Cemetery \$47.00; Workman's Compensation \$202.00	249.00	
Destruction of Grasshoppers	235.62	
		910.76
SOCIAL SERVICES—		
Old Age Pensions \$368.83; Mothers' Allowance \$444.50;		
Child Welfare \$349.57	\$1162.90	
		1162.90
HEALTH—		
Hospital Bills \$925.60; Doctor Bills \$785.25;		
Doctor's Retaining Fees \$266.65	\$1997.50	
Medicines	20.95	
		1998.45
RELIEF AND GRANTS—		
Unemployment Relief \$1118.93; Indigent Relief \$143.20	\$1262.13	
Grants	50.00	
		1312.13
PUBLIC WORKS—		
Labour (Cash Payments)	\$3134.60	
Applied on Relief \$117.60; Applied on Taxes \$7374.21	7491.81	
Machinery and Repairs \$877.07; Material \$129.08	1006.15	
Purchase of Road Allowances	205.00	
Council Fees (supervision only)	278.84	
		12,116.40
LOANS—		
Municipal: Principal \$11,000.00; Interest \$141.57	\$11,141.57	
		11,141.57
BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1938—		
Municipal Account, in Bank	\$2068.36	
	178.07	
		2246.43
TOTAL (Municipal)	\$34,941.99	

RECEIPTS (Trust Only)

BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1937—		
Provincial Tax Trust Account, Bank Balance	\$ 632.09	
School Taxes (Reporting) Bank Balance	332.71	
Hall Taxes	105.40	
		\$ 1320.20
TRUST MONIES RECEIVED—		
Social Services	\$4019.00	
Wild Lands \$258.19; Hall \$94.82	323.01	
Schools: Rural \$17,429.37; Reporting \$1240.58;		
Hospital	1861.38	
Current \$145.40	18,815.35	
		25,018.74
LOANS—		
School	\$10,341.84	
Hospital	887.08	
		11,228.87
TOTAL (Trust)	\$37,567.81	

PAYMENTS (Trust Only)

TRUST MONIES REMITTED—		
Social Services	\$3586.55	
Wild Lands \$258.19; Hall \$105.40	363.59	
Hospital	1708.07	
Schools: Rural \$13,789.12; Reporting \$1245.55	15,034.67	
Commission on Reported Arrears	56.05	
Saving Certificates to Dept. of Mun. Affairs, receipt acknowledged (payment Social Services)	150.00	
		20,898.93
LOANS—		
School: Principal \$12,019.24; Interest \$203.79	\$12,223.03	
Hospital: Principal \$1,006.90; Interest \$16.25	1023.15	
		13,246.18
BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1938—		
Provincial Tax Trust Account, Bank Balance	\$1164.54	
School (Rural) Bank Balance	1759.06	
School (Reporting) Bank Balance	417.09	
Hospital, Bank Balance	17.19	
Hall, Bank Balance	64.82	
		3422.70
TOTAL (Trust)	\$37,567.81	

Payments To Councillors For Meetings

Div.	Councillor	Days	Rate	Miles	Rate	Amount Due and Paid in 1938
1	Wm. Dalton	11	\$4	286	10c	\$ 72.60
2	A. E. Blakely	11½	\$4	144	10c	60.40
3	R. D. Smallwood (Reeve)	11	\$5	110	10c	66.00
4	Wm. Stewart	12	\$4	84	10c	56.40
5	W. T. Steele	11	\$4	198	10c	63.80
6	J. D. Collette	12	\$4	264	10c	74.40
TOTAL						\$393.60

Payments To Councillors for Supervision —SEC. 61 (4), M. D. ACT—

Div.	Councillor	Days	Rate	Miles	Rate	Amount Due 1938	Paid in 1938	Bal. Due
1	Wm. Dalton	5½	\$4	175	10c	\$39.50	\$39.50	
2	A. E. Blakely	2½	\$4	80	10c	18.00	18.00	
3	R. D. Smallwood (Rv.)	7	\$4	138	10c	41.80	41.80	
4	Wm. Stewart	8	\$4	128	10c	44.80	44.80	
5	W. T. Steele	14½	\$4	221	10c	79.10	78.74	.36
6	J. D. Collette	8½	\$4	220	10c	56.00	56.00	
TOTAL						\$279.20	\$278.84	36

Auditor's Certificate.

I have audited the accounts of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 for the year ending December 31, 1938, and have compared the said accounts with their relative vouchers and certify that in my opinion the foregoing financial statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Municipality according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me, and as shown by the records
DATED at Edmonton, Alberta, this 16th day of January, 1939.

(Signed) ROBT. ENGLISH, Auditor,
12510, 106th Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

Streamlined Infantry

U.S. War Department Has High Speed Army On Wheels

A new streamlined infantry regiment, smaller but far more mobile and harder hitting than either its great war counterpart or the regiment of to-day, has received approval from the United States War Department.

Moving by motor truck and armed with semi-automatic rifles, it is intended to become a major unit in the high speed army on wheels which is being developed.

While officials made public details of these plans, War Secretary Woodring reported to President Roosevelt that national defence requirements may hasten construction of a third and possibly larger set of locks for the Panama Canal.

His report followed closely his recommendation to Mr. Roosevelt that the canal be made "impenetrable."

Current surveys contemplate new facilities costing \$150,000,000 or more, to be ready about 1960. Begun in 1936, the surveys were ordered by Congress to meet expected increased demands from merchant craft and warships of larger size and from a greater flow of traffic.

Officials who told of the new infantry plans said three of the new United States regiments will undergo field tests for a year in Texas as a part of a projected smaller infantry division.

At full war strength, the new unit has but 2,411 officers and men, contrasted with the great war's 3,742 and the present 3,009.

Whereas the 1917-18 regiment was armed with 3,200 Springfield, single-shot rifles, and the existing regiment has 1,852 such weapons, the new organization will have 1,492 semi-automatic rifles, giving triple fire power. It also will have heavier and more numerous machine guns and auxiliary weapons.

The Written Word

One Of Greatest Things In World Says Lord Tweedsmuir

Lord Tweedsmuir, who writes books as John Buchan, now says he has written too many. The record credits him with more than 50, of which the first book was published at the age of 21. Since the Governor-General of Canada is now 63, this means more than a book a year in a life crowded with many other activities, private and public.

But, then, that is an old story about writers in Great Britain and in Europe generally. They come over here and complain of the dizzy pace of American life, and all the time their books keep pouring out at a speed to shame our own dullest far niente men of letters. H. G. Wells at the age of 70 plainly works as hard as a couple of 40-hours-a-week longshoremen.

But even if people write too much, says Lord Tweedsmuir, "the written word is one of the greatest things in the world. It provides a stable faith in the shifting sands on which we stand to-day." There will be few to disagree with this. In any event, the written and printed word has this enormous advantage for the peace of men's souls, that one can read a book without seeing the author grinning about before the radio like a mad dervish. Books can be cruel, subversive, incendiary, but we are spared the spectacle of some dictator's rictus on the platform.—New York Times.

Terms Are Synonymous

But Canada Has To Distinguish Between Prime Minister And Premier

The Encyclopedia Britannica states that "prime minister" and "premier" are synonymous. There is no reason why they should not be regarded so in Britain, where there is only one person to whom to apply either term. But in Canada it is desirable to have a distinction made, with the first title confined to the man who presides over the Cabinet at Ottawa and the second applied to the heads of the various provincial governments. This has been the usual practice and it should be adhered to strictly.—Edmonton Journal.

Must Be Perfect

Annual sales of toys are estimated to be between \$225,000,000 and \$240,000,000. The designing and manufacturing of these products call for engineering skill on a level with that employed in the making of industrial machinery, for, as a trade publication points out, the ultimate consumer is extremely critical.

Clothes dried slowly will always be better than those that are dried in a hurry.

Snakes are the world's most widely distributed reptiles.

Must Guess At Quality

Best Pig Judges Have To Take Chances On Bacon Possibilities

The best pig judges in Canada can't tell whether or not a good pig will make a good side of bacon.

That was the amazing discovery when the results of the Brethour-Sainsbury trophy were published in Toronto last week. The results showed that the 21 judges had, with one exception, got less than 50 per cent. in the competition.

The 21 judges, who numbered among them the best swine experts in the Dominion, were supposed to select, on the hoof, the pigs which would turn out to be the best dressed carcasses. Preston Hooker, of Ormatown, Quebec, the big-breeder who produced the pig that dressed out into the best carcass in Royal Winter Fair judging, got a score of 101 out of 193 points—or just over 50 per cent.

None of the others got a passing mark. One swine expert got zero.

A Telegram reporter asked the experts why. The publicity director of the Royal answer: "Because grading of carcasses is based upon the meat yield in which the interior shape, fullness and lean-and-fat proportion of the animal are of more importance than the outside appearance of the carcass—which is all the judge of livestock has to go by. In other words, many grand champion live pigs from the breeder's standpoint, would not be grand champions from the butcher's viewpoint."

"To try to correlate the live hog to the dressed carcass is an ability which must remain for a long time a guessing game, as no one has yet been able to see under the skin of a hog."

The director added that two years ago the Council of Canadian Meat Packers started a drive to make the judging of live swine be based upon the way the pigs would dress out into carcasses. So far this drive has shown only moderate results, but breeders hope that some day the time will come when a prize pig will turn into prize pork.

The British Sheepdog

Pure Bred Collie Was Selected As Best For Work

The partnership between man and dog on hunting expeditions must be a very ancient one, and the bond thus established was presumably exploited by man for his own benefit when he settled down later on as a herder of sheep.

Each country concentrated on its own particular breed of sheepdog, but it is significant that whenever new pastoral countries have been developed, the one special breed of dog which has been found to be superior to all others is the collie type of sheepdog, unmixedly British in its lineage and origin.

The collie is to be found throughout the sheep ranges of the British Empire and the American continent, and shepherds claim that for wisdom, patience and sense of duty, the British collie is not only unexcelled but unapproached by its rivals. The shepherds depend enormously on their sheep dogs and it is claimed that it would take six strong men to do the work which is regularly carried out by one shepherd and a sheepdog.

Badly-trained dogs may do a great deal of harm to the flock under their command, particularly so during the lambing season, and sheep farmers through the world benefit greatly from the careful breeding, training and selection which have developed the natural skill of the sheepdog to a remarkable degree.

A great deal of the credit for this is due to the International Sheepdog Society of Great Britain, which holds annual trials to select the champion sheepdog.

This year the trials took place at Southport in England, and, for the first time in the history of the event, both prizes were taken by the same dog whose faultless management of the stupid and stubborn sheep was one of the most remarkable manifestations of animal intelligence seen during recent years.

Dictaphone May Be Used

To Record Court Evidence New Taken In Shorthand Notes

Taking shorthand notes in court evidence may become obsolete as a result of an experiment, believed the first of its kind in the world, in the supreme court at Wellington, New Zealand. Microphones will be installed to record evidence by a dictaphone specially designed to preserve continuity of speech. The experiment is sponsored by Justice Minister H. G. Mason as part of his program of law reform.

"Meandering land" is the land bordering rivers or lakes with irregular shores which are likely to change in time.

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BRITAIN'S HARASSED PREMIER IN A JOVIAL MOOD



Premier Chamberlain looks very happy in the above picture, and it is not to be wondered at. He is shown with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lloyd, at the christening of his grand-daughter at Chelsea Old Church.

For Quiet Week-End

St. Louis Priest Has "Thinking Resort" Where One Can Meditate

Tired St. Louis businessmen have discovered Father James P. Monaghan's "thinking resort." It is a haven, operated by Catholics but open also to Jews and Protestants, where a man can get by himself for meditation.

"Isolated from the world, placed in an environment where there are beautiful gardens and a broad view of forest and stream, man is set to thinking of the spiritual side of his nature," says Father Monaghan.

From a small start the "thinking resort" has grown to estate size with ivy-covered, stone-walled buildings. The dormitory accommodates 50 men. They come for a four-day retreat, usually over the week-end, and during that time there is no communication among the guests except for a two-hour recreation period after dinner. Lights are out at 10 p.m.

Executives of several of the city's largest stores urge their department heads to visit the "white house on the Mississippi" once a year. It is so-called because it sits on white limestone bluffs, 18 miles south of St. Louis. Nearly 20,000 guests have enjoyed its peace. At the end of a retreat guests may make voluntary offerings, but there is no fixed charge. Only the guest knows what he has contributed.

Percentage Is Small

Research Shows Very Few New Car Prospects Every Year

Ralph L. Lee, public relations division of General Motors, points out the small percentage of new-car prospects every year. Research has discovered, he says, that of every 1,000 people 160 are car owners, but only 80 buy new cars. They purchase new cars every four years, however, so that each year only 20 out of 1,000 people are prospects for a new car. The average new car buyer starts to shop only about two weeks before making an actual purchase, thereby complicating the selling job, says Mr. Lee.

Almost 40 per cent. of Holland was inundated every 24 hours were it not for its dike system.

The mass of the sun is about 330,000 times that of the earth.

Like To Be Entertained

British People Not Satisfied With B.B.C. Type Of Program

Critics of American radio who point with envy to the system in Great Britain where the British Broadcasting Corporation controls all broadcasting stations, may be interested in the results of a poll taken by the Philco Radio & Television Corporation of Great Britain. The Philco poll was taken in order to determine the British listeners' favorite station. It covered 5,000 radio dealers and their customers in all parts of Britain as well as the general public with an approximate number reached of more than 500,000.

The results of this poll showed that the British are far from satisfied with their own type of broadcasting. The station which placed first, drawing 95.8 per cent. of the votes as favored station, was Luxembourg, which is not in Britain or affiliated with the B.B.C. but is located on the continent across the English Channel and broadcasts sponsored programs American style. Second, was Athlone, in the Irish Free State and also a broadcaster of commercially sponsored programs.

Britain's premier station, Droitwich, stood only third, with other continental commercial stations grabbing the great majority of places among the first ten on a popularity poll.

The poll seems to indicate that the British radio public prefers entertainment to education. . . . It is interesting to note that Luxembourg, the most popular station, is difficult to tune in clearly for British radio and yet it achieved its tremendous vote in spite of this because it did offer entertainment and showmanship.—Printer's Ink Monthly.

Won Seven Firsts

Alex. M. Stewart, internationally known Alaskan grower, grain grower, has established a record at the Guelph winter fair. He won first places in barley, early oats, late oats and fall wheat, and in the open classes, he was first in early oats, late oats and field beans.

"Brown paper soaked in oil" was the only insulator the inventor Fernand could find for his primitive electric cables, in 1880; to-day, it still is being used for insulation.

Hard To Accomplish

Totalitarian States Making Peace Among Nations Very Difficult

Throughout the civilized world there are forces working to create a better understanding among nations and races and creeds. It is perhaps significant to note, states the Fort Erie Times-Review, that in totalitarian states these forces are outlawed. With the coming of Stalin into power in Russia all service organizations were ruthlessly crushed. Immediately Hitler seized power in Germany he abolished two very important organizations, both working toward a brotherhood of man, the Rotary Club and the Boy Scouts. In Italy Mussolini banned the Scout movement several years ago, and now comes word that the country's 35 Rotary Clubs with their 2,000 members are to be dissolved on December 31.

The dictators can shout from the housetops their desire for peace, but in destroying organizations working toward peace and understanding they run their true colors to the world. There is a lot of idealism in the desire to live at peace with totalitarian nations, but it seems a little hard to accomplish when they dissolve every organization working toward that end.

Worry And Anxiety

Shortens Life And Makes For Much Unhappiness

Canadians would "fall down" less frequently in the plain business of living if they would slow down on the way, it is pointed out by the department of pensions and national health at Ottawa.

Worry and anxiety are admittedly important contributory causes of ill-health, the department states. They shorten life, and make for much unhappiness in the average man's existence.

National health officers point out that "fretting" is a disease in itself. The antidote is peace of mind and contentment. Calmness and courage in facing life's problems are two of the chief ingredients of happiness.

The first seaplane flight in America was made at San Diego, Calif., in 1911.

California has flown the flags of 12 nations since 1942.

British Supremacy

Now Operating The Largest Commercial Air Route

Great Britain is preparing for a giant effort to give British commercial supremacy in the air comparable to its position on the sea.

Announcement of plans to merge Britain's two largest commercial airlines was followed up with a declaration by Captain Harold Gifford, under-secretary for air, that Sir Kingsley Wood, secretary for air, was aiming at "world supremacy for British aviation."

Britain already is operating the world's longest commercial air route—13,000 miles from Southampton to Australia.

Some time ago she announced early inauguration of trans-Atlantic service and later discovered plans for a globe-circling line by extending the Australian route through New Zealand to Vancouver. From there Canadian planes would connect with a British terminal in Eastern Canada.

The British Chamber of Commerce is urging Sir Kingsley to start a proposed British service to South America.

The government has put Sir John Rath in charge of Imperial Airways and British Airways would be merged to form the "most satisfactory instrument for the development of British overseas civil aviation."

Attraction For Visitors

Sea-Birds On Gaspé Coast Provide Thrilling Spectacle

More than ten thousand tourists visited the Gaspé coast in the vicinity of Percé Rock and Bonaventure Island last summer, attracted largely by the thrilling spectacle provided by the sea-bird population which nests on the great rock and on the ledges of the island.

The rugged grandeur of Percé Rock, with its sheer sides rising directly from the water for nearly three hundred feet, and its great arched passageway, 80 feet in span, through which small boats may pass, is in itself a breath-taking spectacle, while the thousands of sea-birds that nest on it and on Bonaventure Island add to its attraction. These birds, which have been included in a sanctuary established by the Dominion Government and the Province of Quebec, include more than 12,000 gannets—great white birds as large as geese, with black wing tips. Multitudes of these birds, resembling great snowbanks at a distance, all clustered in series of ranks on their nests on the lofty ledges, while hundreds of others soar and wheel majestically over the sea before the precipice. Other remarkable seabirds, including common and uncommon species, form part of this great assemblage.

This interesting bird colony is so situated that it may be observed and photographed conveniently without harming or disturbing its feathered inhabitants. Sea-going motorboats carry parties of visitors past the lofty cliffs where the gannets nest, and excellent points of vantage may be gained at the top of the cliff and on the crest of the mainland cape opposite Percé Rock.

New Type Airport Light

First Of Its Kind In Canada Installed At Vancouver

First of its kind in Canada, a new system of contact lighting is installed for night flying at Sea Island airport, Vancouver.

The contact or flush lights, which resemble corner buttons at some road intersections, are set in concrete along the extreme edges of the runways. They throw a bright circle of light on the runway which the pilot sees when approaching the field as a motorist sees a row of street lamps when approaching a valley from a hill.

No light goes straight up, the top of the fixture being protected by a metal plate. Thick holophane glass sides about two inches high, permit the light to spread out on the surface of the runway. The lights show from the air as white circles about 30 feet in diameter.

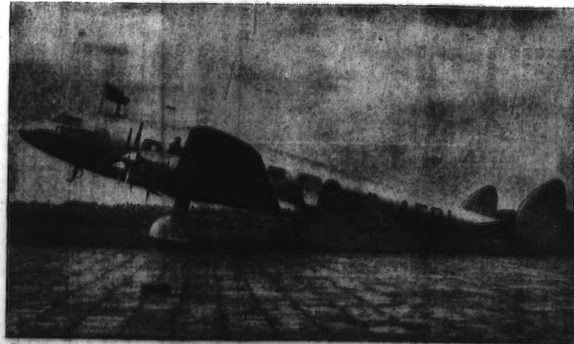
The fixtures are strong enough to permit the heaviest airplane to taxi over them without slightest damage.

Government scientists say that apples in dry years are smaller and less juicy than apples in rainy years, but the small apples store better.

In certain persons, handling daffodil bulbs may cause a painful skin infection.

In art, the symbol of faith is the cross; hope, the anchor; charity, the heart.

ANOTHER OF BRITAIN'S NEW HIGH-SPEED AIR-LINERS



The Imperial Airways plus 200 m.p.h. air-liner, the "Frobisher," is one of a fleet of cross-Channel planes which will soon be commissioned for passenger service. The "Frobisher," seen above at Croydon, will be joined soon by the "Falcon" and "Fortuna," and will form a fleet of the fastest air-liners in Europe. Each is fitted with four "Gypsy Twelve" engines of 525 h.p. each. It has a cruising speed of well over 200 m.p.h. and will have a normal range with full load of 22 passengers of not less than 1,000 miles.

Canada Building Defences On East And West Coasts For Protection Of Nation

Hon. Ian MacKenzie, minister of national defence, says Canada has a problem of national defence and the "historic barricades of water and ice no longer protect us."

In a speech carried over the national network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the minister said advances in aeronautical science had altered geography and annihilated distance.

"Not long ago intrepid Russian fliers took off in the heart of Europe and flew across the Arctic wastes down through Canada to California without a stop."

"A few days ago, two British planes flew from Egypt to Australia, a distance greater than that from a point in the heart of Europe to Montreal and back again. The lesson is that an air fleet could start from Europe, cross the sea, bomb Canadian cities, and return home without landing."

"I need not remind you that the world in which these changes in military science have taken place is also a very disturbed world. We have all seen the growth of ruthless dictatorships, rattling their swashbuckling sabres and clamoring for expansion. The pendulum has swung back and forth again as in her pioneer days. Canada has a problem of national defence."

Mr. MacKenzie said when parliament voted more than \$35,000,000 for national defence at each of the past two sessions, the beginning of the Dominion's national defence system was launched.

"We began with a series of fortifications to guard our vital railroads and shipping centres on the Pacific coast. With a system of advanced air bases, naval patrols and coast fortification works which will be virtually completed within a year, Victoria, the key to the Pacific coast defensive scheme, will be one of the half-dozen best fortified places in the world."

"On the Atlantic coast the planning has been done of an equally comprehensive scheme and the beginning has been made with naval defence works at Halifax and a chain of air stations across Nova Scotia."

Priority was given the air force. In the defence setup because of the vast territory to be protected, the minister continued.

"By next summer the Royal Canadian Air Force will have approximately 80 first-line service aircraft, practically all of them made in Canada. The first of these was delivered just a few weeks ago."

"It has taken time—we knew it would—but it was considered to be the first essential of defence that we must be able to produce in Canada our own requirements of aircraft. In addition to these service craft we have acquired 160 training types for the permanent and non-permanent forces."

"This work is Canadians' 'insurance policy' for the protection of national life and Canada has not been carrying enough defence insurance, he continued."

"Do you know that until a couple of years ago, your premium was only about \$1.25 a head a year. Even today the annual per capita cost of our defence program is only \$3.17. In Australia the national defence premium is \$6.73 per capita. In the United States it is \$7.57 and in Great Britain \$27.21. The only countries doing less for their defences than Canada are a few minor central American republics."

Surrounded By Buildings

Few People Know About Southwark Cathedral In London

Southwark cathedral, said to be the finest example of Gothic architecture, after Westminster Abbey, in London, is "lost," even though it stands just a few steps beyond London bridge. Buildings so hem it in that few of the thousands who pass it daily realize that it is even there. Southwark is sometimes referred to as "the Cathedral of Vicissitudes." For about 70 years in Elizabethan times its Lady chapel was rented to a baker, who did his baking in the chapel itself. Horses were once kept on the site of its old cloisters and it once served as a police court. It was made a cathedral in 1865.

Underground Pipe Lines

It was lately revealed at a Metal Congress in Los Angeles that there is in the United States a vast network of 250,000 miles of underground pipe-lines carrying petroleum and its by-products from their source to centres of industry.

If the automobile battery is kept well charged it will not freeze in cold weather.

Contribution To Agriculture

Distinctive House Is Awarded To H. L. Seaman Of Lethbridge

H. L. Seaman, Agricultural Scientist, in charge of the Dominion Entomological Laboratory at Lethbridge, Alberta, has been named the winner of the 1933 medal of the Professional Institute of the Civil Service of Canada. This medal is awarded annually for meritorious public service. In making the announcement, J. C. Beauchamp, president of the Institute, said that the particular service rendered by Mr. Seaman and his associates at the Dominion Department of Agriculture Entomological Laboratory at Lethbridge was their great contribution to western agriculture in discovering a means of controlling the pale western cutworm.

"It is regarded as probably the most important contribution to entomology in years and should reflect benefit of millions of dollars to Canadian farmers and therefore to the public generally. If advantage is taken of the Lethbridge Laboratory method," said Mr. Beauchamp.

H. L. Seaman graduated from the University of Saskatchewan and the Montana State College. He is a native of Wairarapa, Wisconsin, and served during the Great War in the United States army from which he was demobilized in February, 1919. In 1921 he took charge of the Dominion Entomological Laboratory at Lethbridge, in succession to E. H. Strickland, who joined the professional staff of the University of Alberta.

Magnets For Tourists

Canada's National Parks Were Well Patronized In 1932

Canada's national parks apparently maintained their reputation as magnets for tourists in the season just ended. Although figures are not complete, most of the parks showed increased attendance over last year, the resources department reported.

Travel in Alberta's national parks recorded an increase of 29,000 over 1931. The movement to Waterton Lakes national park which adjoins Glacier national park in Montana, reached an all-time high with 34,000 visitors, an increase of 25,585 over the previous season. Elk Island park, near Edmonton, showed a rapid increase in tourists. Jasper park also recorded a substantial increase.

Construction work, in progress on main automobile highway approaches to British Columbia's national parks accounted for some decrease in tourist travel to those areas. The department said this was a temporary condition and on completion of the work a sharp upward movement in travel is expected.

Attendance at Prince Albert national park in Saskatchewan and Riding Mountain national park in Manitoba exceeded all past records. Complete figures are not available.

Adjudicator Appointed

Well Known London Actor Will Judge Regional Drama

George Skellan, well known actor of London, England, will be regional adjudicator for the forthcoming Dominion drama festival, John A. Aylen, honorary secretary-general of the festival, announced at Ottawa. The new regional adjudicator will begin his duties at the first of the regional festivals at Kentville, N.S., Jan. 9 and 10, when the Nova Scotia drama societies will present their productions.

He will visit every province judging other amateur drama. He will make reports to the executive committee of the festival and on these reports invitations to compete at the final festival at London, Ont., April 10-15 will be issued.

Last year the regional adjudicator was Malcolm Morley, English actor, playwright, producer and critic.

An adjudicator for the finals will be chosen later. Last year the finals were held in Winnipeg and the adjudicator was Barrett H. Clark, Toronto-born author, drama editor and critic now living in New York.

Of Great Importance

Membership of 35,000 in the farm boys' and girls' clubs throughout Canada, as announced at the Royal Winter Fair, is of great importance to agriculture in this country. These young people are making farming their life work, and they will carry it in the most up-to-date fashion.

On the Galapagos Islands, every bird inhabitant is scottish.



"Yes, Cap'n, when my old woman says it needs a shade—it gets a shade!" —Lachendy Wolf, Lethbridge.

The British Prime Minister

Done Whatever There Is To Be Done Himself

Quite as impressive as Neville Chamberlain's strong will and self-assurance is the physical energy of this man of 60, who used to be regarded as something of an invalid. If there is a thing to be done, he goes and does it himself, whether it is to see Hitler or see the French Premier or see the Windsor. It would not be an utter surprise if one of these days Mr. Chamberlain dropped in on Washington with his umbrella. He gets around quite as effectively as Mrs. Matthew Baggett in "Black House" moved briskly around the world with her umbrella and her young daughters Malta and Quebec. —New York Times.

"I THINK I CAN MAKE IT"

"I think I can make it," the dress maker said. As she scanned the pattern now. In just two days the dress was done. A garment rare to view.

"I think I can make it," the carpenter said. As he looked the blue prints over. In two short months a dwelling stood. Where none had stood before.

"I think I can make it," the blacksmith said. As sparks from his anvil flew. Then very soon, lay at his feet, A horse's well-shaped shoe.

"I think I can make it," the motorist said. As he passed the car ahead. But half a second wasn't enough. And now two men are dead.

—Ralph Gordon, 628 Crawford St., Toronto.

Hermits crabs are not hermits. They prefer the company of others of their kind, but, for protection, each lives in a separate deserted shell of some gastropod.

Famous Wheat

Story Of How Red Fife Originated On Ontario Farm

The famous hard-kernelled Fife wheat, produced by David Fife in the 19th century, is only a side line now on the original Fife farm in Ontario, near Peterborough county.

"About the only wheat we grow is for feed," Edwin Fife, 62, grandson of the original owner, said on a Toronto visit. "You'd soon farm your soil into the poor house if you tried to grow wheat as a cash crop at 55 cents a bushel."

David Fife came over from Scotland early in the 19th century and carved out a homestead in the wilds of eastern Ontario. There, in 1823, he produced a strain of wheat which practically revolutionized Canadian grain production.

Edwin, who now farms the 200 acres of land went to Toronto for the premiere of a motion picture film, produced by the Canadian wheat board, in which his grandfather was honored.

The film will be shown in England to acquaint British buyers with conditions which have made top-grade Canadian wheat. Development of the famed Fife strain is told in the picture.

Edwin said his grandfather picked up a handful of wheat that had spilled on a Glasgow, Scotland, dock and brought it to Canada. The wheat grew well and the following spring a sturdy crop waved over the small farm. Before it could be harvested, a yoke of oxen ate it with the exception of three heads of grain.

The pioneer Fife took the heads, crossed them with native grains, and eventually developed the strain that bears his name.

Jade is considered good luck in China, where pieces of it are usually held in the hand while important matters are being decided.

Our solar system contains about 50,000 particles large enough to be called planets.

Be Smart-Crochet Your Own



PATTERN 6028

Crochet your own gloves for smart variety at small cost. So easy to do this new way. Crochet them lengthwise in two flat pieces and whip them together. Have the top and inside of the gloves crocheted in color, if you wish. Pattern 6028 contains instructions for making the gloves in small, medium and large sizes (all in one pattern); materials needed; illustrations of gloves and of stitches.

To obtain this pattern send 20 cents in coin (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 178 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg.

There is no Alice Brooks pattern book published.

Foreign Capital Is Again Turning To Canada As A Strong Haven Of Refuge

Was Queen Victoria's Piper

Pipe-Major James MacHardy Died Recently In Scotland

Once piper to Queen Victoria, and known to the Royal Household as "the Queen's wee Jimmy," Pipe-Major James MacHardy was buried in his native glen at Gorgarriff, the Lonsch Highlanders, in kilts and plaid, formed an escort, and the lament played at the graveside was "Hail to the Glen," a tune composed by himself. It was always his wish that this lament should be played at his burial.

Born in 1853 in wild and lonely Gorgarriff, Pipe-Major MacHardy was only a young boy of 14 when he first played to Queen Victoria. One autumn morning his father took James and his brother over the mountain in a box-cart to Balmoral Castle, where the Queen was to choose a junior piper.

At the gates of the castle were other pipers eager for the honor, but Her Majesty was so pleased with the playing and erect carriage of the boy of 14 that she made him junior to her chief piper, Pipe-Major Ross.

His clever piping and likeable personality soon established him as a firm favorite with the Queen, and he accompanied her on tours in France and Italy as piper-attendant, besides living at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, and Balmoral Castle. Her Majesty gave him many gifts, several bearing her own signature, and he was affectionately known to the Royal Household as "The Queen's wee Jimmy."

His burial place in the lonely glen is not 300 yards from his birthplace, Burnside, and on the day of his funeral the very hills seemed to mourn for a soft mist shrouded the place he loved so well.

Pipe-Major MacHardy's home in recent years was The Lodge, Whitehouse. He died in the Royal Infirmary, Forresterhill, Aberdeen.

Check Horse Disease

Provincials Prepared To Spend Large Sum For Vaccine

Governments of the prairie provinces are prepared to spend \$25,000 for vaccine in a campaign against encephalomyelitis, horse disease which took heavy toll in western Canada this year. Hon. D. L. Campbell, Manitoba minister of agriculture, told delegates at the annual convention of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities in Winnipeg.

The governments were willing to provide funds for purchase of vaccine but want municipalities to repay them. Mr. Campbell said. Possibility of another epidemic in 1933 was foreseen by the minister. Delegates suggested the provincial government pay for the vaccine. It was urged the money be raised through payment of a lower interest rate to bondholders.

A resolution advocating compulsory vaccination of all Manitoba horses in the spring of 1933 was withdrawn.

D. G. McKenzie, former Manitoba minister of agriculture, addressing the convention, declared Canada must conduct a vigorous advertising campaign in importing countries for the Dominion's agricultural products. Quality of production must be maintained to hold export markets, he added.

Drawing Mine Maps

Montreal Girl Is Greatly Interested In New Career

Kathleen Denison, young Montreal commercial artist, is staking out a new claim among careers for women as a maker of mining maps.

At the suggestion of a mining man two years ago she tried making a map. She has been making them since. Because she likes to know everything she can about any job she is doing, Miss Denison has been studying geology and other subjects related to mining in her spare time. She is in her second year at the Prospectors' School—not that she has any notion of prospecting, except possibly "on a holiday, just for fun."

Have And Bacon Trade

Hams, many of them Canadian, are a Christmas delicacy in the British West Indies. Canada's ham and bacon trade with the West Indies has been steadily increasing for the past decade. Nearly 2,000,000 pounds of Canadian ham and bacon were imported in 1931.

The Hooker oak, of California, is the largest leafing tree in America; 8,000 people can be shaded by it when it is in leaf.

Foreign capital is again turning to Canada as a haven of refuge, Hon. J. L. Halsey, Canadian minister of national revenue, told the Association of Life Insurance Presidents meeting in New York.

"Canada's geographical position remote from the zone of war, her stable institutions, and the opportunities for profitable investment offered by her wide and varied resources appear to be acting as a magnet for foreign capital," he said.

In the last few years Canada had repatriated a substantial volume of securities held abroad, and that had added to the financial strength of the Dominion. This would be further reinforced "if new foreign capital comes in to find, not a temporary refuge, but permanent investment in productive undertakings."

The minister emphasized the progressiveness and the stability of Canada, and the adherence of Canadians to British institutions.

"Although they have lived beside this great republic for 150 years," he said, "they have a vivid consciousness of their relationship to a modest young man who lives much of his time in Buckingham Palace and Balmoral Castle. Whether it is because they respect him so deeply as a man or because he sums up in their minds those traditions and institutions which are close to their hearts, their emotional response to the appeal of the crown is one of the basic realities of Canadian life."

While Canada labored under the handicap of a small population "centered over an immense and largely inhospitable territory," the country was nevertheless progressive. In 30 years its population had nearly doubled, while the country's trade had expanded by a considerably larger ratio.

Mr. Halsey cited trade and employment recovery since the trough of the depression to illustrate the advances the Dominion had made. Canada's largest source of revenue was the income tax which had a considerable merit as a modern and progressive feature."

"The Dominion was 'well advanced in social legislation,' he said. He outlined the various provincial and Dominion statutes in this sphere. To some extent the social legislation was reflected in living standards and these were fairly high in Canada. These facts indicated a flexibility of attitude and warmth of social sympathy "that have no place in the picture of a static or unprogressive nation."

Canadians were "intensely democratic." In no country would a doctor "have harder slodging," he said. He described the system of government and the responsibility of the executive to parliament. These features of the Canadian administrative system, when combined with freedom of the press, freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, enabled the people really to govern themselves.

Apart from discussion of re-division of powers as between the Dominion and the provinces, there was no demand in Canada for constitutional change.

"There is much demand that democracy be more efficient, but none that democracy be curtailed," the minister said. "There is grumbling because parliament talks so much, but no suggestion that parliament be muzzled. The courts are respected. The people are for law and order."

The population is divided along so many ways of thought that the leader of any new cult or 'ism' must expect prompt and intelligent criticism on a broad scale from the elements of the population to which he does not appeal," Mr. Halsey said.

"Excessive enthusiasm and fine frenzies of one kind and another are in this way checked. Generally speaking, Canadians are a sober, stable people going about their business in an orderly and sensible way."

Demand Is Reduced

More Perfect Heating Affects Business Of Australian Wool Growers

Often it has been suggested that nothing happens anywhere in the world without having its repercussions elsewhere. Thus it is interesting to note the plant of the Australian wool grower that the extension and perfection of central heating in Great Britain and the United States is reducing the demand for woolen clothing. Nowadays, people are using central heating instead of Australian wool to keep themselves warm, and Australians find it more difficult to sell their wool.

Unfortunately many car accidents end up around the corner.

HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL TAX STATEMENTS

Name of Hospital	No.	Mill Rate	Assessed Valuation Dollars Only	Current Tax	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1937	Penalties Added in 1938	Total Due	Collected in 1938	Discounts on Taxes in 1938	Cancelled	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1938	Requisition 1938	Requisition from Previous Years	Requisition Paid in 1938	Current Interest on Loans	Fund in Excess of Collections Previous Yrs.	Collection in Excess of Collections Previous Yrs.
Wainwright Municipal	17	3	\$4299.41	\$1298.55	\$2705.46	\$140.58	\$4144.89	\$1861.38	\$107.90	\$252.05	\$1923.59	\$182.70	\$585.37	\$1708.07	\$16.25		\$17.19
Names of Rural S.D.																	
Autumn Leaf	2138	12	\$550.00	\$11.40	\$13.50	\$52	\$25.22	\$13.82			\$11.40	\$11.12		\$11.12	\$3.12	\$67.39	
Asot	2902	10	\$670.00	\$13.40	\$15.50	\$62	\$30.44	\$15.50			\$13.40	\$13.12		\$13.12	\$3.12	\$67.39	
Arvonia	3795	10	\$1910.00	\$38.20	\$43.50	\$174	\$87.00	\$43.50			\$38.20	\$37.60		\$37.60	\$11.28	\$224.24	\$74.96
Alma Mater	3160	12	\$10820.00	\$216.40	\$248.60	\$994	\$497.20	\$248.60			\$216.40	\$213.60		\$213.60	\$64.32	\$1281.60	\$164.17
Battle Heights	3090	15	\$10960.00	\$164.40	\$188.10	\$752	\$376.00	\$188.10			\$164.40	\$161.60		\$161.60	\$48.96	\$970.56	\$126.19
Crescent Hill	4375	19	\$11220.00	\$213.18	\$243.51	\$974	\$486.96	\$243.51			\$213.18	\$210.36		\$210.36	\$63.90	\$1210.36	\$157.89
Education Point	2849	12	\$10980.00	\$219.60	\$251.52	\$1006	\$503.04	\$251.52			\$219.60	\$216.72		\$216.72	\$65.88	\$1240.32	\$161.14
Fabian	4129	13	\$10710.00	\$160.65	\$182.73	\$731	\$365.46	\$182.73			\$160.65	\$157.80		\$157.80	\$47.55	\$945.30	\$123.14
Glenholm	2450	13	\$12150.00	\$243.00	\$281.40	\$1126	\$562.80	\$281.40			\$243.00	\$239.76		\$239.76	\$70.24	\$1368.00	\$176.24
Lewisville	3041	12	\$10980.00	\$219.60	\$251.52	\$1006	\$503.04	\$251.52			\$219.60	\$216.72		\$216.72	\$65.88	\$1240.32	\$161.14
Paschendale	3080	13	\$10200.00	\$153.00	\$177.60	\$710	\$355.20	\$177.60			\$153.00	\$150.24		\$150.24	\$45.84	\$901.44	\$117.00
Plaxton	3877	15	\$10750.00	\$161.25	\$185.40	\$742	\$371.00	\$185.40			\$161.25	\$158.50		\$158.50	\$47.25	\$942.50	\$123.25
Roseberry	1703	10	\$10660.00	\$213.20	\$243.60	\$974	\$486.96	\$243.60			\$213.20	\$210.40		\$210.40	\$64.00	\$1210.40	\$157.90
Ross	2042	12	\$10710.00	\$160.65	\$182.73	\$731	\$365.46	\$182.73			\$160.65	\$157.80		\$157.80	\$47.55	\$945.30	\$123.14
Strawberry Plains	1700	17	\$10940.00	\$164.10	\$188.52	\$754	\$377.04	\$188.52			\$164.10	\$161.28		\$161.28	\$48.36	\$972.72	\$126.19
Sunny Brae	2075	9	\$10140.00	\$152.10	\$174.51	\$700	\$350.00	\$174.51			\$152.10	\$149.28		\$149.28	\$42.84	\$885.84	\$117.00
Silver Lane	2364	13	\$10200.00	\$153.00	\$177.60	\$710	\$355.20	\$177.60			\$153.00	\$150.24		\$150.24	\$45.84	\$901.44	\$117.00
Sydenham	1869																
TOTAL			\$1,118,060.00	\$114,114.18	\$131,419.21	\$1902.86	\$47,486.35	\$17,429.37	\$656.97	\$1789.44	\$27,560.57	\$13,789.12	\$13,789.12	\$206.79	\$2993.92	\$4742.98	

REPORTING SCHOOLS

Name of Reporting S. D.	Number	Taxes Reported Section 10	Current	Penalties Added	Total Due	Collected in 1938	Cancelled	Uncollected	Collections Owing S. D.'s Dec. 31, 1937	Total Paid S.D.'s in 1938	Commissions Retained	Collections Owing S.D.'s Dec. 31, 1938	Less Comm.
Irma	2435	\$3789.37	\$40.87	\$255.08	\$4085.32	\$899.53		\$3086.66	\$208.93	\$820.54	\$41.00	\$296.05	\$13.14
Sydenham	1869	\$1841.70	\$104.53	\$188.65	\$2044.88	\$426.08	\$22.98	\$1724.35	\$77.75	\$340.09	\$11.78	\$58.43	\$2.67
Wainwright (Town)				\$111.24	\$1540.08	\$97.77		\$1442.26	\$68.03	\$49.92	\$3.27	\$7.61	\$3.88
Total Reporting S. D.'s		\$7009.36	\$145.40	\$554.97	\$7660.23	\$1385.38	\$22.98	\$6251.27	\$392.71	\$1245.55	\$56.05	\$417.09	

TAX STATEMENT

Equalized Assessment set by Assessment Commission: \$1,273,180.00	Municipal	Services Social	Educational	Lands Wild	Provincial Total	Hail
Assessed Valuation for each Tax (net)	\$1,294,540.00	3 Mills				
Rate of Taxation (mills on the dollar)						
Current Levy Under each Tax Heading	\$22,020.81	\$3796.17	\$118.98	\$3915.15		
Uncollected December 31, 1937, including Costs	\$21,461.31	\$7139.14	\$35.55	\$10192.45	\$252.17	
Penalties and Costs Added in 1938	\$1,144.45	\$435.87	\$2.93	\$288.30	\$76.20	\$17.98
TOTAL DUE	\$44,626.57	\$11,571.18	\$38.48	\$3975.04	\$14,783.80	\$270.15
Collections in 1938, including Costs	\$21,511.00	\$4019.00	\$258.19	\$4277.19	\$64.82	
Discounts on Taxes in 1938	\$148.09			\$151.86		
Cancellations Authorized in 1938	\$988.17	\$47.36		\$437.36		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES, DECEMBER 31, 1938	\$21,966.71	\$6856.80	\$38.48	\$1131.01	\$10,008.29	\$205.33
Trust Taxes Collected but not paid at December 31, 1937	\$82.09	\$82.09	\$258.19	\$82.09	\$105.40	
Collected in 1938 (see above)	\$4901.09	\$4901.09	\$258.19	\$5159.28	\$270.22	
Paid in 1938 to Provincial Government and Hail Board	\$3736.55	\$3736.55	\$258.19	\$3994.74	\$105.40	
Amounts Collected by M. D. but not paid, December 31, 1938	\$1164.54	\$1164.54		\$1164.54	\$64.82	

ASSETS (Trust)

BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1938—	
Provincial Taxes Trust Account, in Bank	\$1184.54
School (Rural) Trust Account, in Bank	\$759.06
School (Reporting) Trust Account, in Bank	\$417.09
Hospital Trust Account, in Bank	\$17.19
Hail Trust Account, in Bank	\$4.82
UNCOLLECTED TRUST TAXES—	\$3422.70
Social Services	\$5956.72
Wild Lands	\$17.43
School (Rural)	\$21,559.99
School (Reporting)	\$5056.38
Hospital	\$1482.02
Hail	\$205.33
Seed Grain (Gov't. Guarantee) Owing by Farmers	\$11,054.01
Uncollected Trust Taxes On Forfeited Lands (Not Included Above)	\$1261.08
Social Services	\$1261.08
Educational \$38.48; Wild Lands \$2795.58	\$2834.06
School (Rural) \$6000.58; School (Reporting) \$1194.34	\$7194.92
Hospital	\$461.57
TOTAL (Trust)	\$60,425.76

LIABILITIES (Trust)

UNCOLLECTED TRUST TAXES—			
	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1938	Collected But Not Remitted	
Social Services	\$5595.12	\$1164.54	\$6760.26
Wild Lands	317.43		317.43
School (Rural)	21,559.99	1759.06	23,319.05
School (Reporting)	5056.38	417.09	5473.42
Hospital	1482.02	17.19	1499.21
Hail	205.33	64.82	270.15
Seed Grain (Gov. Guarantee)	11,054.01		11,054.01
	\$45,251.43	\$3422.70	\$48,674.13
			48,674.13
Uncollected Trust Taxes On Forfeited Lands (Not Included Above)—			
Social Services		\$1261.08	\$1261.08
Educational \$38.48; Wild Lands \$2795.58		2834.06	2834.06
School (Rural) \$6000.58; School (Reporting) \$1194.34		7194.92	7194.92
Hospital		461.57	461.57
			11,751.63
TOTAL (Trust)			\$60,425.76

Population, Acreage and Assessment

Resident Farmers: 650.	Estimated Population: 2400
Total Acreage in Mun. Dist: 170,138.58 Acres.	Acreage Assessed: 162,962.43
Number of Unsubdivided Parcels Under Taxation	1082
Number of Subdivided Parcels Exempted	30
Number of Subdivided Parcels Under Taxation	30
Number of Subdivided Parcels Exempted	3
Total Number of Parcels in Municipal District	1145
Valuation of all Farm Lands, except Bldgs. and Improvements	\$1,308,820
Valuation of all Subdivided Lands	\$1,310
Valuation of all Buildings and Improvements	\$29,740
Total Assessment (Gross)	\$1,341,690
Less Statutory Exemptions: Land	\$47,150
Net Valuation as per Tax Statement	\$1,294,540

ASSETS (Municipal)

BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1938	
Municipal Account: In Bank	\$2068.36
Cemetery Account: In Bank	\$178.07
MUNICIPAL TAXES—	\$2246.43
Uncollected Municipal Taxes	\$17,282.64
" on Forfeited Lands (not included above)	\$484.07
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE—	\$119.21
Commissions: Prov. \$92.86; School \$20.35; Hail \$6.00	
Hospital Accounts \$325.00; Aid & Relief (chargeable to person) \$250.00	\$575.00
INVENTORIES—SUPPLIES ON HAND—	\$100.00
Gopher Poison and Weed Killer	\$100.00
Stationery and Supplies	\$50.00
FIXED ASSETS—	\$1250.00
Office Lot \$150.00; Building \$300.00; Equipment \$800.00	
Machinery	\$500.00
TOTAL (Municipal)	\$30,707.35

Standing of Lands Finally Acquired by Mun. District

At Dec. 31, 1937	No. of Parcels	Assessed Value	Municipal & Costs	Prov.	School	Hail	Total
At Dec. 31, 1937	35	\$25430	\$2884.23	\$3478.09	\$5667.96	\$243.74	\$12278.96
Add: 1938 Penalties		184.06	264.41	434.31	13.42		896.70
Add: 1938 Levy on above		435.30	76.45	260.38	27.97		800.60
Add: Acquired 1938	10	13980	1394.96	559.34	1681.23	271.74	3907.17
Total	45	\$39360	\$4682.95	\$4372.13	\$6844.29	\$556.87	17873.33
Deduct Taxes Collected and included above		216.10	50.57	228.30	22.27		515.14
Total	45	\$39360	\$4682.95	\$4372.56	\$7818.06	\$584.60	17368.19
Deduct Taxes	1	\$400	\$398.38	\$232.45	\$633.16	\$73.00	\$1527.49
Standing at Dec. 31, 1938	44	\$38960	\$4084.07	\$4095.14	\$7194.90	\$461.57	16935.70

LANDS UNDER THE TAX RECOVERY ACT

Total Number of Parcels Finally Acquired by M. D.	44
Number Under Tax Notification	26
Date Last Tax Notification Registered	April 1, 1938
Date of Last Public Sale	November 10, 1938

Number of Parcels Sold at Private Sale in 1938	1
Number of Parcels Leased Under Sec. 25 in 1938	30
Total Parcels Dealt With in 1938	31

Receipts from Lands Sold or Leased in 1938—	
Private Sale	\$350.00
Leases	\$96.17
Receipts in 1938 from Lands Sold or Leased Prior to 1938—	
Private Sale	\$308.75
Leases	\$8.00
Total Tax Sale and Lease Receipts in 1938	\$1699.92

Above Receipts Have Been Credited as Follows:	
Credited to Municipal Account	\$598.53
Credited to Provincial Trust Account	\$232.42
Credited to School and Other Trust Accounts	\$984.19
Credited to Tax Sale Surplus Trust Account	\$162.43
Total Tax Sale and Lease Receipts Accounted for	\$1699.92

VERIFICATION OF CASH ON HAND AT DECEMBER 31, 1938

Cash Received between Dec. 31, 1938 and date of this Audit	\$326.03
Deduct cash deposited in Bank between Dec. 31, 1938, and Audit date	\$317.19
Cash on Hand actually counted by me at date of this Audit	\$8.84

LIABILITIES (Municipal)

OUTSTANDING CHEQUES, DECEMBER 31, 1938 (Municipal)—	\$364.55
Bank Overdraft, December 31, 1938 (Municipal)	\$364.55
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (General)—	\$220.00
Secretary-Treasurer \$110.00; Auditor \$110.00	
Councillors (Meetings)	\$36
Labour	\$72.60
Machinery (Current)	\$22.00
Office Supplies	\$38.50
For Indigents	\$15.50
Destruction of Weeds	\$25.00
Irms Times	\$55.96
SOCIAL SERVICES—	\$386.00
Old Age Pensions \$350.00; Mothers' Allowance \$36.00	
Child Welfare	\$25.16
DEFERRED LIABILITIES—	\$365.00
Machinery Notes	\$365.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,396.07
Balance of Municipal Assets Over Municipal Liabilities (Surplus)	\$2,011.28
TOTAL (Municipal)	\$30,707.35

Inventory of Equipment

Description	Valuation Dec. 31, 1937	Purchased During 1938	Total	Depreciated During 1938	Valuation Dec. 31, 1938
Office Equipment	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$50.00	\$450.00
Office Equipment	770.00	\$100.00	\$870.00	70.00	\$800.00
1 Grader (Elevating)	700.00		700.00	50.00	650.00
Graders (Blade)	2000.00		2000.00	100.00	1900.00
9 Maintainers	1880.00	250.00	2130.00	120.00	2010.00
26 Fresh's	800.00		800.00	50.00	750.00
6 Scrapers	80.00		80.00	8.00	72.00
6 Plows	240.00		240.00	24.00	216.00
4 Drags	100.00		100.00	10.00	90.00
Total	\$6270.00	\$350.00	\$6620.00	\$370.00	\$6250.00

SEED GRAIN ADVANCES UNDER GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE
NOTE—By advice of the Department of Municipal Affairs, dated January 12th, 1939, the amount of \$11,054.01 shown as a liability in respect of

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CHAPTER XI—Continued

"Got fire fighting equipment?"

"Plenty."

"Hose and tankage?"

"Yeh—and dynamite. Been bring-

ing up a lot of Indians from around

Tukla lake—they know their busi-

ness. Ought to; they set enough

fire down in that region so they can

get paid for putting them out."

They were at quite an altitude,

but still in fog.

"This smoke goes up plenty high,"

Hammond said. Even as he men-

tioned it, he became aware that the

air had cleared, that he was breath-

ing deeply for the first time that

day. The ranger leaned closer.

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"No smoke, clouds," he shouted.
"The visibility's hell. Getting colder
—freezes up probably."

"Hope so."

The forester grimaced. No one

hoped that more than he. Then:

"Know any place we could get in

up here, to start cutting off this

blaze? If we can back-die down be-

low and cut 'er off here, it'll save a

half billion feet of timber." That

was the job now, to save timber. But

in saving it, Hammond knew, lives

would be risked, perhaps lives given.

He pointed toward Whoopees.

"We can work through the inlet,"

he said. "The fire missed that. The

smoke raised for a few minutes, and

I got a look. It's clear."

Thus the grueling task began, air-

planes which banked and skimmed

the surface of the lake, which took

desperate chances, which dropped

recklessly downward through the

smoke pall to discharge their car-

goes, then took off as desperately

with no clear knowledge of shore or

tree-top line. Wading whites and

stomping Indians slopped off the pon-

toons to splash ashore and there

stood waiting until other chance-

taking pilots, Timmy Moon among

them, should bring up the long lines

of small-bored, tightly-woven hose,

the collapsible tanks and portable

pumps which would allow water to

be sent thousands of feet into the

forest. Boxes of dynamite were un-

loaded. Sacks were carried out by

the heli.

Hour after hour, into the deep

night and again to daylight, the

dogged task continued with short

respite for rest as the shifts

changed. Dynamite boomed and trees

crashed to earth. Long, ragged lines

of men, gasping for clean air, wear-

ing wet sacks monotonously, at-

tacked the smoldering earth.

The air grew hotter, more hor-

rible. But suddenly Hammond paused

in his commands and looked up,

blinking. He put out his hand,

swiftly, retrieving it, close to his

eyes.

"Snow!" he shouted. "It's started

to snow. Keep going fellows! We've

got help from upstairs!"

An outcry from the gang joined

his call. Snow! Now the flakes were

thicker and the wind was freshen-

ing, with the peculiar wet chill of

approaching freeze-up. A thrill went

through Hammond, as quickly, how-

ever, to change to apprehension.

There was a possibility of fatality

in all this. If gangs should quit,

believing a blizzard imminent, and if

it should prove only a flurry, then

the grueling labors of 48 hours would

be lost. Jack started on a circuit

of his workers.

The hose gang were still at it, the

manpower pumps going faithfully,

pulling the water by easy stages

from the lake into canvas collaps-

ible tanks, there to be pumped out

again to more tanks and finally to

the reaches of the fire. Here a gang

of axmen, their faces muffled in wet

cloths, walked amid smoldering em-

bers, that they might feel threaten-

ing trees and bring an end to the

menace of tree-top explosions. But

at last he sighted a group of the

men at the bank of the Big Moose.

The forest once had run to the

river's edge here; now it was scarred

and blackened. Logs still smoked,

the baked earth steamed with the

thickening of the snowfall. Cer-

tainly here was no place to relax

labors.

"What's wrong with you?" Jack

shouted. "This fire isn't over!"

A Tukla Indian turned and with a

short arm gesture motioned him

closer. Then a white man called:

"Better come down here."

Hammond obeyed, started to still

he saw. On the ground was the

charred body of a man, his clothing

burned away.

"Dead?" Hammond asked. There

was a queer tremor in his voice.

"That's the hell of it," a fire-

fighter answered. "The poor devil's

still living."

The victim lay face downward,

distorted mouth open. Hammond

went to his knees and gently turned

the man on his back.

"I thought so," he said jerkily. It

was Bruce Kenning.

Burned, horribly so, the man still

was recognizable. Hammond reached

for his eyes, fervent, terribly expressive, told

of his suffering.

The airplane dropped down through

the soupy sky to a comparatively

gentle landing. Hammond opened

the cabin door and leaned out over

the spray of the pontoons, as the

plane taxied to shore.

The life rafts were heaped, empty.

Men, and a few women, were lug-

ging possessions out of the shallows,

and moving with them through the

driving snow, which steadily became

heavier, toward the blackened ex-

panse that once had been Sapphire.

Already a few tents were rising. Life

had begun anew.

A woman called out to Hammond.

"Hey! What's the trouble?"

It was Around the World Annie, in

char-smudged shirt and breeks. Her

boots were muddy.

"Got a burnt man in the cabin," he

answered.

"Thought so. No use stopping here.

Taxi around to the inlet. They're us-

ing my place."

Jack stared.

"But I've got a burnt man."

"Ain't there plenty up there like

him?" yelled Annie. "What's eatin'

on you? Where've you got?"

"Bruce Kenning. He's in had

shape."

Annie turned, and with a hooked

arm, halted a passing miner.

"Go tell that Joyce girl they've

found her lover," she commanded.

"She's been runnin' around this camp

half nuts."

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out of his control, somebody is going

to get hurt.

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heinous than doting for five seconds

but the effect can be as bad as if

he were a homicidal maniac with a

meat axe. And the only rule that

can be laid down is that he has no

business getting behind the wheel if

anything is going to interfere with

his ability to drive his car safely.

The World of Wheat

By H. G. L. Strange, Director,
"Crop Testing Plan"

A good deal of discussion is taking place about the possibility of industrial uses for wheat as a means of using up some of the unsalable, but not unwanted, wheat surplus that for the moment exists in the world.

It has been suggested that agriculture needs the assistance of industrial scientists. From this some have jumped to the conclusion that agriculture has not been served with scientists to the same extent as industry.

Quite the opposite of this in fact

is true. Scientific methods appeared in agriculture for thousands of years before industry itself was practiced. The inventions by scientific agriculturists throughout the years, and up to this date, have, in my humble opinion, added much more to the wealth and welfare of the world than the inventions of scientists in industry. Consider for instance the invention of agriculture itself: The discovery that kernels of a certain grass, later called wheat, would make bread that would support life; that the kernels could be seeded and would multiply manifold; that the tribe then could settle in one place, and that one half of the people only then were needed to grow sufficient food for all the

population.

There is a basic invention which, considering the benefits it has brought to mankind, surpasses, I believe, anything that industry can show.

Following factors have tended to raise price: Far East takes Australian wheat cargoes; Weather again hot in Argentina, corn condition officially reported below normal; Frost damages wheat and oats in France; China buys U. S. Pacific wheat; Disturbed European political situation; India needs widespread rains within ten days.

Following factors have tended to lower price: Italy remains a poor buyer; government bent on reducing imports; Argentina, has nearly 300 million bushels of wheat for export; Uncertain financial conditions in Germany; Two million bushels increase in Dominion wheat estimate; European buying power below normal; Britain buys Argentina wheat to replenish reserve stocks.

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CANADIAN OPINIONS
OF THE WEEK

We are told to preserve vitamins and minerals in foods today by cooking with cups, not quarts, of water, using the simmer flame after the water resumes boiling. This is double economy.

"Canada, with her great natural resources and her unusual associations with the British Empire and the United States, stands in a better position to help if anything should happen to endanger the democracies of the world than any other country."—Hon. James G. Gardiner.

United Church Notes

Rev. E. Longmire, Minister
Irma—Sunday school, 11 a.m.
Public Worship, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer and fellowship service on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
A hearty welcome to all.

Anglican Church Notes

ST. MARY'S (Anglican) CHURCH
Rev. P. A. Rickard, Vicar
Service will be held on Sunday, February 12th, at 2.30 p.m.

SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

J. B. Stole, Pastor
Sharon: Divine Service (Norwegian) 2.30 p.m.

LOCALS

Mrs. R. D. Smallwood is spending a month in Edmonton with her daughter Mrs. E. W. Mills.

The W. A. of St. Mary's church are holding their Sale of Home Cooking at Mr. Fletcher's store on Saturday, February 4th.

Rev. E. Longmire and Mr. A. H. Locke attended a meeting of the Wainwright Presbytery in Viking on Feb. 1st.

Mr. Jas. Fenton went to Edmonton last Wednesday to visit his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Campbell, who are ill.

The regular meeting of the Loyal Social Credit group No. 1363 will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fenton, February 7th, 1939, at 8.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.

There will be a dance in Alma Major school on Friday, February 10th. Good music, good floor, and good eats. Everybody welcome. Ladies please bring cakes.

The Vicar and congregation of St. Mary's Anglican Church wish to express their appreciation and gratitude to all those who have assisted the church and its work in any way whatsoever.

Keep the date of February 14th, St. Valentine's day, open as there will be a dance in Kiefer's hall on the above date. There will be more detail of the above dance in the next issue.

A meeting of the Irma Rural High School Board was held in the Village office on January 28th, immediately following the annual meeting. Mr. A. E. Peterson was again appointed chairman of the board and E. W. Carter, secretary-treasurer.

The next regular meeting of the Irma Ladies Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Tripp on Thursday, February 9th. A cordial invitation is extended to all the ladies in the district to attend and enjoy a social as well as a helpful afternoon.—M. Tripp, secretary.

The Times is issued a little late this week on account of the great amount of tabular work and proof-reading in connection with the publishing of the Auditor's annual report and financial statement for the M. D. Battle River. However this issue is out in plenty of time for each ratepayer to have a copy before the annual meeting.

Joyce, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, formerly of Chauvin, passed away early Tuesday morning at the Wainwright hospital, after an illness of less than a day. Mrs. Martin, her baby and Joyce were visiting relatives in Chauvin when Joyce took sick. She was taken to the hospital as quickly as possible but passed away during the night. The body was brought to Irma and prepared for burial and taken to Chauvin Wednesday where interment took place. The sympathy of Irma friends is extended to those bereaved.

FOR SALE—One Radio, long- and short-wave, 4-tube, complete with new B batteries and new heavy duty A battery. Snap, \$15.00. See S. Brown, Irma.

ST. VALENTINE'S TEA!

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W. C. T. U. NOTES

"Why Scientific Temperance?" These are some of my reasons given in answer to the query, "Why Scientific Temperance Instruction?"

—Nancy O. Parks, Prov. Supt.

The other day I was asked "Why give scientific temperance instruction?" Well, I alluded pointedly to the brewers' attitude; to the fact that about five years ago Sir Edgar Sanderson, director of the Brewers' Assn. of Great Britain, stated in an address to a convention of that body that there was fast materializing in "the trade" a climax which showed that practically all the patrons of the public house were middle-aged and very old men; and that unless some business policy was very promptly evolved to overcome the tendency that youth was receiving from Scientific Temperance knowledge, there would soon be no brewers' association but a bankrupt one.

This avowal of recognition from such a man re the effects of temperance instruction on youth is strongly indicative of the value of such instruction.

As the liquor manufacturers, dealers and the whole lineup of their forces exist but for financial gain, their efforts can consistently be depended upon to tear down any moral, intellectual or spiritualizing influences that tend to destroy or weaken their cash acquisition.

And we? Shall we let this tearing down process go on? Or grid our loins with living truth and let the glory of Divine light obscure, efface, obliterate, the darkness of evil? Are we marching on to win, or drifting with the tide?

I always aver—and the idea is not a borrowed one—that Science is God's radio. Shall we who listen in and get the marvellous messages sit in the comfort of swine elegance unmoved, or should we brave a few thorny brouses and get out and "do whom which is given"?

Likewise the slogan of the tobacco trust has been for years "A cigarette in the mouth of every man, woman and child." Can we crawl into a corner contemptible enough to see and allow such things to pass on? Through bitterness of evil results, by the path of research, in the light of science, facts have come out proving the deleterious, demoralizing effects of both alcohol and tobacco on the body, brain-power, and, yes, clean morals of human beings. Hence, it is very important that data on this matter be given to young people as their due.

Every possible vile and insidious practice is being resorted to in an effort to popularize both these agents of evil.

We would not let a blind man walk into a wall without warning if we saw him; we would not suffer a child to eat, unchecked, what we knew would cause injury. Then, are we doing our duty as parents, teachers, friends, as really virtuous citizens, if we don't give vital knowledge to the poison of narcotics?

Plan meals in advance, with concern for the size of leftovers. This will aid in saving energy in preparation.

IRMA LODGE No. 56

Meets First and Third Tuesday in each month at 8 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Hall. Visiting Brothers always Welcome.

IRMA L.O.L. No. 2666 Meets last Monday in each month at 8 p.m. Wor. Master J. G. Fenton Rec. Secretary James Stead Visiting Orangemen always Welcome

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Purely Vegetable. Fresh. 1 lb Sealed Packets

CANNED CORN— 3 Tins 29c
Choice Quality Ontario White Corn

CORN FLAKES— 3 Pkts. 25c
Kellogg's. With Premium Camera or Pistol

CHEESE—Baby Stilton Cheese. 43c
2 lb approximate in each Cheese

ROLLED OATS— 29c
Maple Leaf Rapid Oats. 6 lb Bags

JAM— 39c
Pure Fruit and Apple. 4 lb Pails

APPLES— 1.59
Winter Banana Apples. Faced Cases

SOCKEYE SALMON— 29c
Vacation Brand Sockeye Salmon. 1 lb Tins

PINEAPPLE— 2 Tins 25c
Large Flat Tins Barco Pineapple Cubes